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Honorable William D. Wall
United States Magistrate Judge
United States District Court
Eastern District of New York
100 Federal Plaza
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Central Islip, New York 11722-9014

Re: **Mendez v. U.S. Nonwovens Corp. et al.**
Case No. 12-CV-5583 (ADS) (WDW)

Dear Judge Wall:

We represent the Defendants in the above-referenced action, and respectfully write to request a brief adjournment of the initial conference, which has been scheduled for Wednesday, February 20, 2013. Plaintiffs' counsel has consented to this request.

I will be traveling out of the country beginning this Thursday February 14th, and will be returning to my office on Monday February 25th. As a result, I will not be able to attend a conference on February 20th, and I am the only attorney in my firm working with my clients on this matter. In the meantime, I am in the process of speaking with Plaintiffs' counsel to determine whether we can agree to the Court's proposed scheduling order (thereby obviating the need for an initial conference), or, alternatively, about a possible request to refer this case to mediation and for a slight alteration of the schedule to accommodate a mediation.

We hope to advise the Court as soon as I am back to the office, but in the meantime I certainly wanted to at least request an adjournment of the February 20th conference before I left this Thursday. Subject to the Court's schedule, we are available for an adjourned initial conference date on March 4, 5, 6, 13, 14, 15.

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Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully yours,

COZEN O'CONNOR

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By: Michael C. Schmidt

cc: Steven John Moser, Esq. (via ECF)